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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: PK, PFOR

SUBJECT: BHUTTO TO VISIT MIDDLE EAST

- 1. DURING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEECH EVENING OF JUNE 17, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD LEAVE JUNE 18 FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, LIBYA, KUWAIT, IRAN, AND THE UAE. THE PM SAID HE WOULD FIRST GO TO SAUDI ARABIA WHERE HE WOULD STAY FOR ONLY A FEW HOURS. WHILE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HE ADDED, HE WOULD MEET YASSER ARAFAT.
- 2. BHUTTO SAID THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO MAKE THE TOUR AFTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE LAST GOVERNMENT/OPPOSITION NEGOTIATING SESSION BECAUSE OF CERTAIN "NATURAL DEVELOPMENTS" WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE.

3. WE ASSUME THE PM WILL USE THE VISITS BOTH TO THANK THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HELPED SMOOTH THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS IN PAKISTAN, AND TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HELP THE COUNTRY RECOVER FROM THE

DISLOCATIONS CAUSED BY THE POLITICAL CONFRONTATION.
ALSO, HE PROBABLY SEES VISIT AS WAY OF ATTEMPTING TO
BOLSTER HIS IMAGE IN PAKISTAN AS AN INTERNATIONAL STATESMAN.
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